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A pool of mosquitoes tested, by the Indiana State Department of Health, came back positive for West Nile Virus in Fulton County.

The Fulton County Health Department reminds residents to stay vigilant in protecting themselves from the virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. The Fulton County Health Department encourages everyone in the county to protect themselves from being bitten by mosquitoes by following these simple steps: apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothes and exposed skin; wear light colored clothing; avoid wet, highly vegetative areas where mosquitoes live; and avoid being outdoors during prime mosquito biting times, dusk to dawn, when possible.

Some simple steps to prevent and reduce mosquito breeding areas include:

- Eliminate areas of standing water on your property
- Repair failing septic systems.
- Remove any containers that will hold water.
- Clean your clogged gutters.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed. Tall vegetation is an excellent harborage area for mosquitoes.
- Keep swimming pools chlorinated and clean.
- The basic rule is; if water lasts more than 4 days mosquitoes can reproduce. Even a small bucket can produce up to a 1,000 mosquitoes in just a few days.

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